

Work With Us

The Federal Office of Subsistence Management



Our staff have the unique opportunity to work with issues and challenges facing the many Alaskans who live off the land, relying on fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.

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We're Making a Difference in Alaska



Since Statehood, Alaska's growing population has placed new and conflicting demands on natural resources. A central focus of the Federal Subsistence Program is the protection of the opportunity to harvest fish and wildlife and continue a lifestyle known as subsistence.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, ANILCA, requires that subsistence users have a priority over other users to take fish and wildlife on Federal public lands where they have customarily and traditionally used the resources. The State of Alaska managed statewide subsistence harvests until 1989, when the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that the rural residency preference required by Federal law violated the Alaska constitution.

Beyond the Science

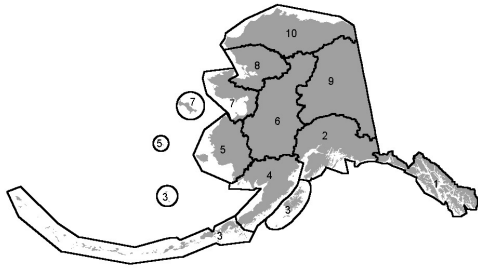


Office of Subsistence Management staff lead an inter-agency effort involving the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Forest Service, in managing and regulating fish and wildlife for subsistence purposes on federal public lands and waters in Alaska.

Another principal function is leading a resource monitoring program to address statewide subsistence fisheries issues and information needs through numerous field projects. The program also focuses on building capability and involvement of rural communities and Native organizations in fishery management.

A Regional Advisory System

*Alaska is
divided into ten
subsistence
resource regions,
with each region*



*represented by a Regional Advisory Council. Office of
Subsistence Management staff work closely with the ten
Regional Councils and subsistence users in each region.*

These councils provide an opportunity for knowledgeable rural Alaskans to have a meaningful role in the management of subsistence resources. The Regional Councils also provide valuable local information and environmental knowledge to the Federal Subsistence Management Program.

We Get to Know and Experience Alaska

The Federal Subsistence Management Program has managed subsistence trapping, hunting, and limited fishing on Federal public lands in Alaska since July 1, 1990.

On October 1, 1999, the Federal subsistence program expanded to include subsistence fisheries on Alaskan rivers and lakes within or adjacent to Federal public lands.

The program involves five Federal agencies: U.S. Fish & Wildlife, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

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We invite you to join a committed staff working to protect a way of life that has existed in Alaska for thousands of years.

We feel our work is important and gives us satisfaction that we are involved in issues critical to Alaska's livelihood. By applying science, technology, and working closely with each of the subsistence resource regions and Advisory Councils, we're helping to conserve and protect for the future.

Join us. Apply today or write to the contact address on the front of this brochure.